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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Group Art Unit: 1615
CORINNE DEGERT et al Examiner: G. Kishore

Serial No: 09/554,602

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For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR AVOIDING THE DEGRADATION OF AN
ACTIVE PRINCIPLE

AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2002,
please amend the above-identified patent application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow and in
the attached appendix:

22. (Amended) A composition for stabilization of an
active agent, comprising:

a plurality of multilamellar vesicles in the form of a
regular stack of concentric bi-layers comprising at least one
surfactant, said regular stack of concentric bi-layers
extending from each vesicle core to periphery, and being